

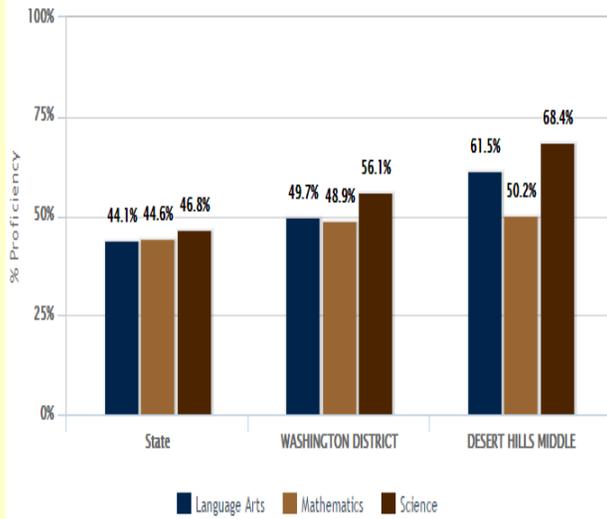
Education at its Finest

Since 2008, Desert Hills Middle School has been preparing young minds for a successful future by providing the highest quality learning experience. With exceptional facilities; caring and experienced administration; a staff of highly qualified teachers; and compassionate, dedicated counselors; Desert Hills Middle School is working to help all students learn and succeed. The programs and classes at DHMS challenge students and provide assistance through individual intervention strategies to help them reach their potential. Through an emphasis on meeting Utah Core Standards, consistent teacher collaboration, and administering and analyzing common assessments, Desert Hills Middle School is setting the standard for educational excellence.

Exceptional Performance

Of approximately 950 students enrolled at Desert Hills Middle School for the 2015-2016 academic year, nearly 65% achieved honor roll status (3.5 GPA or higher) with just over 48% achieving high honor roll status (3.75 GPA or higher).

2015 SAGE % Proficient



Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

--Abigail Adams (1744-1818) First Lady of the United States.

Desert Hills Middle School

Home of the Thunder



The Mission of Desert Hills Middle School is to ensure all students gain essential academic knowledge and life skills

We are committed to

- Providing a safe and inviting learning environment
- Making students and student learning the focus of our efforts
- Involving parents and the community in the learning process
- Using the Professional Learning Communities framework to improve instruction and student achievement in our classrooms



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DESERT HILLS IS COMMITTED TO:

Providing a safe and inviting learning environment

In order to provide the highest quality educational experience, Desert Hills maintains a clean and safe learning atmosphere for all



students. The school boasts four full-time computer labs (two of which are dedicated labs for computer technology), a fully equipped science lab, a comprehensive manufacturing shop, an in-house media broadcasting system, and a complete foods and fashion lab with individual student cooking and sewing stations. Each classroom is equipped with



a variety of technological tools for enhanced student learning including SMART Boards, LCD projectors, speaker systems, ELMO projectors, and access to 11 sets of classroom computers.

Involving parents and the community in the learning process



The students and staff of Desert Hills are committed to being part of the bigger learning community. Parents receive regular contact from the school through email, school voice messages, and teacher web pages. Parents are invited to take part in school

activities, and students have the chance to showcase their talents to their family and friends. DHMS is continually involved in service opportunities throughout St. George. By allowing students to participate in international teacher and student exchange programs, Desert Hills is also playing an active roll in the global community.

- PTA
- Food Drive
- Ibigawa Japan Exchange Program
- Relay For Life
- CCRs
- Teacher Web Pages
- PowerSchool



Using the Professional Learning Communities framework to improve instruction and student achievement in our classrooms

Desert Hills is committed to helping students grow academically by providing diverse courses that are challenging, creative, and engaging. DHMS teachers continually collaborate to develop effective instruction using varied methods focused on the students' needs. The programs at Desert Hills Middle School give students a chance to learn life skills that will help them grow both in and out of the classroom.



Making students and student learning the focus of our efforts

The staff of Desert Hills Middle School utilizes ongoing formative assessments to create effective lessons designed to give students a chance to learn according to their individual needs. All content areas have specific plans in place which provide additional time and directed assistance to aid students in reaching their potential. The DHMS home room program creates time each day for students to complete assignments and get help from teachers throughout the school, allowing them every opportunity to succeed. Through special education programs, resource strategies, Individual Education Plans, and constant student interventions, Desert Hills Middle School facilitates learning for all students.



Providing enrichment through diverse activities

Desert Hills believes there is more to education than what goes on in the classroom. Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities, sports programs, and clubs, giving them opportunities for developing leadership, teamwork, fair play, and other life skills.

- Intramural Sports
- Math Counts
- High School Sports
- Science Olympiad
- Student Council
- Talent Shows
- Dances
- Honors Culture Fair
- National Jr. Honor Society
- History Fair
- State and National Writing Contests
- Math Camps (Elementary School Tutoring Program)

